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HEARING SCHEDULED IN MATTER
CONCERNING JUDGE JOSE A. VELASQUEZ

The Commission announced today that the hearing in this matter will resume, with oral argument before the special masters on Friday, November 3, 2006, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom Two at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 95 Seventh Street in San Francisco, California. The hearing will be open to the public.

The hearing is being conducted by special masters appointed by the Supreme Court: Justice Laurence D. Rubin, Court of Appeal, Second District; Judge Kevin M. McCarthy, Superior Court of San Francisco County; and Judge Eleanor Provost, Superior Court of Tuolumne County.

Commission Trial Counsel Jack Coyle is serving as examiner. Judge Velasquez is represented by attorneys James A. Murphy and Harlan B. Watkins of Murphy, Pearson, Bradley & Feeney in San Francisco, California.

Following completion of the hearing, the Special Masters will provide the Commission with a report containing their findings with respect to the charges. The parties will have an opportunity to respond to the report through briefing and argument before the Commission. If the Commission determines that the charges are proved by clear and convincing evidence, it is empowered to impose discipline as provided in the California Constitution. Charges that the Commission determines are not proved will be dismissed.

The Commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The Chairperson is Marshall B. Grossman, Esq. of Los Angeles, California.

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